a controller configured to set a duration of time for users to communicate in a dialogue session so as to allow the users to work on materials on the subject; and

a monitoring apparatus configured to monitor at least one user's inputs to the system during the dialogue session so as to have the monitored inputs available for analysis [for guiding] to guide at least one user back to the subject in the dialogue session when one or more users have been distracted from the subject;

such that the dialogue session provides an interactive environment to help the users learn.

76. (Once Amended) A computer-aided group-learning system for more than one user to work on a subject, the system comprising:

a plurality of notepads, with at least two of said notepads coupled together to allow information to communicate between each other;

at least one of the [a] notepads being configured for a user to take notes while working on [a] the subject through the system; and

a <u>notepad</u> controller configured to monitor the user's inputs to guide the user to take notes on the subject so as to help the user learn that subject;

wherein the guidance is related to the subject, and the system allows more than one user to work on the subject in a dialogue session to help the users learn.

-82. (Once Amended) A computer-aided group-learning method for more than one user to work on a subject, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of notepads, with at least two of said notepads coupled together to allow information to communicate between each other;

allocating an area in a notepad for a user to take notes while working on [a] the subject; and monitoring the user's inputs to guide the user to take notes on the subject so as to help the user learn the subject;

wherein the guidance is related to the subject, and the method allows more than one user to work on the subject in a dialogue session to help the users learn.

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